



Good News From Good Shepherd

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep."
John 10:11

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A Firm Foundation Sunday School Begins August 21

If someone were to ask you, "Why do you believe in God?", what would you say? Each of us has his or her own reasons I suppose, but we typically have a difficult time putting them into words. It is like saying we know what a word means, but we don't know how to describe it. Do we really know what it means then? As Christians, it is important for us to be able to state what we believe so others may clearly hear the truth of the Gospel and so that we, ourselves, will be able to stand firm in our own faith when doubts or outside challenges come our way. **Providing us with this firm foundation is the goal of our Sunday School program this year which begins on Sunday, August 21, 2022.**

Each Sunday school's opening **will begin at 8:45 a.m.** with a gathering of prayers, songs, and Bible readings pertaining to the gospel reading for the day as designated by the church calendar. Students will be guided in understanding our worship procedures.

Our **Pre-school and Kindergarten through 5th grade** classes will then break-out for a Bible story lesson, an interactive session to learn Bible memory verses, games and crafts. The selected Bible memory verses are meant to provide the students with a basis for the Gospel.

Our **6th grade through high school class** will spend the year studying Apologetics, covering questions such as

- How do you know God exists?
- If God is a loving God, why do bad things happen in the world?
- Did Jesus really exist?
- Is there evidence for Noah's flood?
- How do we answer questions on school tests about evolution?

A confidence in Biblical truths and the ability to provide answers to questions is critical to being able to stand up to the challenges to our faith - the challenges that our children will face after they leave home and head to college.

Please encourage your children to attend. This will also give our church youth a regular time to get to know one another. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

See Gerda Deller if you have questions.

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Sunday School



A Message from Your Council President

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Matthew 5: 13 (KJV)



August. Dog days. Ho hum. The month of nothing celebratory, almost. For me there are a couple notable days - my cousin's 50th anniversary and my best high school girl friend. And then there is this - Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av (August 6-7, 2022). It is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, on which they fast, deprive themselves and pray. It is the culmination of the Three Weeks, a period of time during which they mark on this day the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem - twice: in 423BC by Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians and again in 70 AD by the Romans. And on that day in 1313BC the spies returned from the Promised Land with frightening reports. The Israelites balked at the prospect of entering the land resulting in their wandering in the desert for 40 years. Later on in their history, many more tragedies happened on that day, including the 1290 expulsion of England's Jews and the 1492 banishment of all Jews from Spain and the 1914 start of WWI which led to WWII and the Holocaust. Got ya curious? See: [Tisha B'Av History](#) for more.

So what's my point for this ho-hum month besides curious elements of history? It's this. We're in August. No big to-dos. Consider taking time to **just be**. How does one **just be**, you ask? Pause and enjoy the languishing of summer. The quiet before school hyperactivity. Take time. Breathe. Ponder how blessed we truly are. Soak in some time with God, His Word and let His Spirit renew and refresh your saltiness.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:46-48 (KJV)



Then, **be** the smile and eye contact with the cashier; **be** the hand wave and let the driver merge in; **be** the cool drink of water to the worker; **be** the hug in uncertainty and sorrow; **be** in a good book, The Good Book - our Bible. **Just be**. No prep. No hype. No plan, other than the Spirit's leading into opportunity. **Be** the salt. **Be** the light.

Will we **be perfect**? Not in the sense of no mistakes, but perfect in the sense of completeness on our faith walk with Jesus. Renew the saltiness which seasons and enriches our relationships. **Just be**.

For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. Isaiah 30:15 Let's **not be** the *would not*!

Council Actions: Council did not meet in July. Our next meeting is August 8. The following repeats what was previously reported about the June meeting as a refresher of what occurred and the items we'll be taking up:

- Elder plans for addressing the non-active member list presented to voters with some form of personal contact;
- Next steps for transitioning the e-giving portal to Vanco and which funds will be featured;
- Consideration of worship materials for children;
- Status of GSL document archiving;
- Possible tech assistance (from application management to sanctuary sound) from the Ohio District.

And in case you missed it and would like to participate and provide input to the Federation Vision project, please contact me. Thus far Good Shepherd does not have a voice in this conversation.

Marlis Norton, Council Pres.

Embraced by His Grace, Engaged in His Word, Empowered by His Spirit

Christian Education Offerings

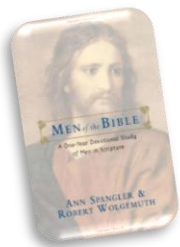


Women's Bible Breakfast • Saturday • August 13

Our second-Saturday Bible Breakfast resumes at 9 a.m. on Saturday, **August 13**. It's not a misprint. We are skipping July accomodating busy summer schedules. When we reconvene In August, bring a dish to share or your own personal favorite if you prefer. God always provides just what we need. We'll continue the LWML Fruits of the Spirit study series and will focus on Goodness.

Women's Sunday Bible Study • *Forgiveness* • 8:45 a.m.

Our small group meets in the Duchow Room. Our study is *Forgiveness* by Donna Pyle(now Snow). The book is available from CPH for \$14.99. Please feel free to join in. It's not too late!



Women's Tuesday Bible Study • *Men of the Bible* • 9:30 am

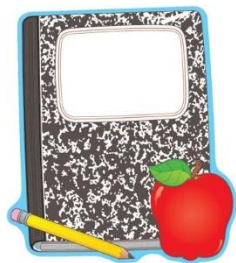
Back in full swing and diving into Isaiah. We study one person at a time, often in multiple sessions, no book required, so join in any time. If you wish to be included, let Lynn know and we'll get any necessary materials and the meeting invite to you

Men's Bible Study
Mondays – 10 Am
A Summary of
Christian Doctrine

Pastor's Bible Study
Sunday at 8:45 am
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Topic: The Trinity

Witnessing
Led by Elder Billy Mitchell
Saturday, 10:00 am

School Supply Collection



Boone County schools will be starting soon. That means it's time to get those needed school supplies. This year we will be providing school supplies for some of our students and siblings who participate in the Whiz Kid program. These supplies will go directly to them. Please check out the list of items needed posted on the display in the Entryway. The 1st day of school is **Aug 18th**. **Grab a tag. Take it with you.** Please return the supplies by Sunday, Aug 14. Thank you for helping.

13th Month Campaign

The Stewardship Committee has made available a money jar for anyone that wishes to support the 13th Month Campaign with their change or just donate randomly as you go. The money jar is located in the Entrance Way on the display table at present with the update on the board next to the table. We have met the goal for 2022 and are working hard on the continuation of the 5 year goal. Thank you for all of the generous donations over the last year. God's Army working in God's House.





August

Alberta Caughey	August 1
Steve Oberst	August 2
Michelle Vezina	August 2
Madelyn Cottrell	August 5
Vonnie Herr	August 6
Susan Speicher	August 11
Sharon Snowden	August 13
Eric Berns	August 15
Bryan Molina	August 16
Sherri Smith	August 20
Debbie Fitzpatrick	August 23
Naomi Poynter	August 23
Becky Aragon	August 25
Will Vonderlage	August 28

September

Sophie Vonderlage	Sept. 1
Linda Walton	Sept. 4
Bill Shaw	Sept. 6
Lenten V. Woolley	Sept. 16
Keith Juergens	Sept. 17
Amber Raap	Sept. 18
Marsha Smith	Sept. 20
Katelyn Aragon	Sept. 21
Jason Raap	Sept. 22
Faith Warren	Sept. 22
Eva Sellers	Sept. 25
Paul Poynter	Sept. 26



OWLS

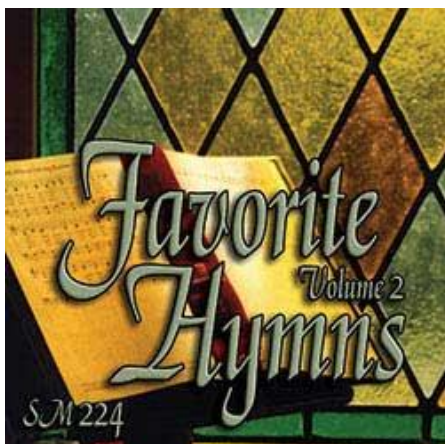
The upcoming OWLS meeting is open to anyone. We will share a covered dish lunch and play board games starting at 12:00 noon on August 2nd. We will talk briefly about our upcoming trip to the Newport Aquarium which requires pre-pay and reservation. This event is open to all. If we know working families who want to go, we can plan to go on a Saturday. Please call Linda Kuhn at 859.630.8233 if you want to join in if it's on a Saturday.

The OWLS trip to the National United States Air Force Museum was a true enrichment for all who attended. The sharing of experiences in flight-related service gave new perspective and enhanced the viewing of the many displays. Submitted by Linda Kuhn

Favorite Hymns

Thank you to the many people who responded to the request for favorite hymns! There were 119 different hymns submitted on 23 different forms! On August 14 we will be singing hymns which received the most votes this year.

Quite a few hymns are making their first appearance on our Favorite Hymns list this year, such as Christ the Lord of Hosts Unshaken, Church of God Elect and Glorious, Alabare, and Rise, Shine You People. So expect to learning some new-to-you music that actually is someone's favorite. I truly appreciate everyone's input; I use this list when planning music for the services. **Kim Leavens**



CMI - Concordia Mission Institute - July 11-15

As a Lutheran Bible Translator board member, I had the honor and privilege, along with the board Vice Chair, to attend a portion of this gathering of missionary families from LBT and MCN (Mission for Christ Network). What an amazing group of people I connected with! The institute is meant to be a time of fellowship, encouragement and learning for the attendees. It was that and more! What a blessing to know that Good Shepherd so heartily supports this kingdom work and its workers! *Marlis*



[↑Nathan & Sara Esala in discussion with a young missionary]

[↓LBT CEO, Dr. Mike Rodewald & wife Cindy presenting]



[↑LBT HQ on the campus of St. Paul Lutheran School]

[↓Dr. Berhanu Ofgaa, Program Director - Ethiopia, LBT, presenting]



Federation Ministry Clarity

The Federation of Lutheran Churches is working towards "Ministry Clarity" and has approved a proposal from the Lutherans Church Extension Fund (LCEF). This work will assist the Federation in stewarding available resources toward determining and achieving those common local mission goals our churches support in spirit and in funding, which they could not achieve individually. This is a time of change and fertile ground for new thought. Should Campus Ministry, now vacant continue? Anticipating Pastor Ewell's retirement, should the Chaplaincy to UC continue? Is the new POBLO venture the one big thing we can all support with our time, hearts and funds? We, the churches, are the Federation and should determine the vision for the Federation. The Federation is seating a committee looking for 2 or 3 volunteers from each church within the Federation to be a part of this "Vision Leadership Team". A diverse perspective of church leaders, young families and youth, is desired. It is a short term commitment of 8-10 weeks with 3-4 meetings total in that span of time. Contact Marlis for more.

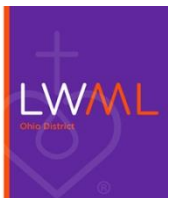
Auxiliary Committee of the Federation - Save the Dates!

September 14 Virtual committee meeting at 10 a.m. All ladies welcome.

October 12 Fidget Mat Mission Event, 10 a.m. at Messiah in Cincinnati.

October 30 Ingathering, 3 p.m. at Grace in Cincinnati. Ingathering will be items for Concordia Seminary St. Louis and Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (list to come). The feature is Q&A with Dr. Dale Meyer, past president of Concordia Seminary St. Louis.

October 30 Reformation Service, 4 p.m. at Grace in Cincinnati. Guest preacher, Dr. Dale Meyer.



LWML Ohio District - Cincinnati Zone - Save the Dates!

August 20 - Cincinnati Zone Virtual Meeting, 10 a.m.

October 1 - Cincinnati Zone Retreat, 9:45 a.m., Messiah Lutheran, Cincinnati

July Events Celebrating VBS

We came



We heard Bible Stories



We did crafts



We sang songs



We played games



And of course we ate....Yum



New Members



Isaiah ,Kim, Elijah and Steve Warren (Faith Not pictured)



Shane Waite & Meg Scherer



Kim & Sharon Hoffmann



Harold and Peggy Bacon
Sharon Snowden



The Poynters
Julie, Emma,
John, Pastor,
Amanda, Sarah,
Naomi and Paul
←



Jon Komplin



Visiting family picnicking at Church.



Dave Wissler volunteering at Brighton Center



Bag ladies – Trash for Cash Pickup Day



Returning to the Altar to Celebrate Communion
More VBS Pictures



Fiends of Glen
and Kim



Higher Things Youth Gathering





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